

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Mittal et al.	Art Unit	: 2161
Serial No.	: 10/676,724	Examiner	: Te Y Chen
Filed	: September 30, 2003	Conf. No.	: 2943
Title	: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SEARCHING USING QUERIES WRITTEN IN A DIFFERENT CHARACTER-SET AND/OR LANGUAGE FROM THE TARGET PAGES		

**MAIL STOP PETITIONS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Declaration of Tim Pham in Support of Petition to Revive Application

1. I am in-house patent counsel with Google Inc. ("Google"), the assignee of the above-referenced patent application (the "application").
2. Google had engaged the Law Offices of Jung-Hua Kuo ("prior counsel") to prepare, file, and prosecute the application. Ms. Kuo is a patent attorney apparently in good standing with the Office (Registration No. 41,918) and the State Bar of California.
3. On October 10, 2007, the Office mailed a letter notifying the applicant of an adverse panel decision on a pre-appeal brief to prior counsel. The non-extendable period to file the appeal brief or other proper reply ended on April 10, 2008. Prior counsel did not file an appeal brief or other reply and did not inform Google that prior counsel would not be doing so.
4. The Office mailed a notice of abandonment on June 4, 2008, for failure to file a proper reply to the Office letter of October 10, 2007.
5. Google transferred responsibility for the present application and other applications in April 2008 to current counsel because prior counsel stopped providing information to Google and stopped responding to inquiries from Google.
6. Google did not learn that the application had become abandoned until informed of the facts by current counsel in April 2008.
7. Google has been unable to determine why prior counsel failed to file a reply and failed to notify Google that prior counsel would not be doing so.


8. Prior counsel similarly failed to respond, around the same time period, to actions in other pending Google applications without notifying Google. Google has since transferred responsibility for the present application and those other applications to current counsel.

9. Google definitely intended that prior counsel file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on October 10, 2007. Google did not intend to abandon the application.

10. Google's entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of the present petition was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 5, 2008

  
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